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DEWEY SILENT STILL AT MANILA

U. S. Secretary Long Without Advices From the Commodore.

CAPTAIN-GEN. BLANCO'S SPEECH

At the Opening of Cuba's New Autonomous Parliament—His Words Are Certainly Positive Enough for the Most Enthusiastic Spaniard—The U. S. All in the Wrong—War News.

Washington, D.C., May 6.—Secretary [illegible] said at the close of office hours [illegible] that time he had [illegible] from Commodore Dewey. He added, however, that he felt no apprehension over this lack of good news, because, in the first place, reports were not expected with the cable from Manila cut and, furthermore, no fears were entertained as to Commodore Dewey's ability to maintain his position. There was no doubt, the Secretary said, that Commodore Dewey's fleet had annihilated the Spanish fleet, and with this much accomplished Dewey was master of the situation at Manila. It was suggested to Mr. Long that the shore batteries at Cavite and on the Corregido Island might be a serious menace to the American fleet, but the Secretary did not share his view, holding that the strength of the Olympia and other ships in Dewey's command were ample to make him master of Manila Bay and its surroundings.

RELIEF FOR DEWEY.

City of Pekin to Be Equipped to Succor the Victors at Manila.

Washington, May 6.—The Secretary of the Navy yesterday ordered Naval Constructor William L. Capps, now at the Union Iron Works, San Francisco, to proceed at the earliest moment on the steamer City of Pekin, just chartered by the Navy Department, to meet Commodore Dewey's squadron at Manila. Mr. Capps will select from the Mare Island navy yard force a number of the most experienced and intelligent workmen to take with him. In addition, he will place on the Pekin a full supply of machine tools, steel plate, and all of the materials that are likely to be needed to make temporary repairs to a ship in distress. The purpose of the department in making this order is to put Commodore Dewey's fleet at the earliest possible moment into first-class condition, repairing all the damages sustained in the engagement, and in addition to this to raise and repair any of the Spanish ships, either surrendered or sunk in the engagement, that are capable of navigation again.

THE CUBAN INSURGENTS.

They Attacked the Spanish Troops That Fired Upon the U. S. Despatch Boat Leyden.

New York, May 6.—A special from Key West says: The World's despatch boat Triton, the United States cruiser Wilmington and the Government tug Leyden were all under the fire of Spanish guns at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon at a point five miles east of Mariel and ten miles west of Havana.

There were 200 Cubans on the beach to receive the arms. The pop of Spanish muskets was heard suddenly and the swish of bullets came from the sea and the vessels.

The Wilmington at once shelled the [illegible] that sheltered the Spaniards, using six-inch guns, and also sending some rapid-fire shells from her fighting tops. At the first Spanish shot the insurgents went into the bushes after the soldiers [illegible] probably what were left took flight, they were not heard from again.

The Wilmington shelled a small Spanish fort in a nearby plantation, driving away its occupants. She then [illegible] a few shots in the direction taken by the fleeing Spaniards.

The tug Leyden, at the time of the battle, lay about 100 yards from the shore. Her boat was engaged in transferring supplies. It kept right on with its work as if nothing had happened, and a man on the tug's bridge, who was sending wig-wag signals to the Wilmington, paid no attention whatever to the shots.

The landing party included Brigadier-General Baldomera Acosta, a well-known Cuban leader, who has been many times wounded in the war, and is only just out of a hospital. In his party was Lieut. [illegible], and they were escorted to the [illegible] by Captain Dorst, United States cavalry.

The landing of the party was carried out as successfully as arms [illegible] have been desired. The insurgents would [illegible] have entire control of the coast seem [illegible] where the landing was made.

[illegible] ALFONSO XIII. AT PORTO RICO.

[illegible] steamer Alfonso XIII., having on board, it is said, reinforcements of troops and a very valuable cargo, including ammunition and supplies. The Premier also announced the opening of the Cuban Parliament, and the Queen Regent signed the war resources bill.

The Cabinet afterwards held another meeting and deliberated upon the financial situation and the measures taken and contemplated to preserve public order in the localities where disturbances have occurred. Rioting continues at the seaport town of Gijon, Province of Oviedo, where, yesterday, the fisherwomen and the tobacco girls sacked several bakeries and burned all the octroi offices. Admiral Camara, who is to take command to-day of the Spanish reserve squadron at Cadiz, will hoist his flag on board the battleship Pelayo. His appointment has caused much satisfaction among the naval men of Spain.

Last Boat From Havana.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 6.—The British steamer Lucilline arrived here yesterday from Havana, having on board 112 refugees. The Lucilline left Havana April 25, being [illegible] harbor after [illegible] United States warships.

CUBA'S CONGRESS.

Captain-General's Speech at the Opening of the New Autonomous Parliament—U. S. All to Blame.

Havana, May 4.—(Delayed in transmission.)—The speech of Captain-General Blanco at the opening to-day of the first Congress of Cuba, elected under the autonomous form of Government, in substance was as follows:

"I take great pleasure in seeing the representatives of this island united here for the first time. In spite of the fact that the United States has tried to impede the re-establishment of peace, Spain has fulfilled her promise of introducing reforms in Cuba, and was approaching a reconciliation and the ending of the war. But the United States, though speaking of peace and autonomy, tried to prevent us from bringing them about.

"If the declarations of the United States had been sincere, its guns ought to be saluting to-day the first Cuban Parliament, instead of threatening the lives of its members and proving herself so false to [illegible] policy, ambitions and plans.

"Spain has given the island all she is authorized to do for the purpose of restoring peace, and without any conditions. The autonomist form of Government established is as ample as that of the British colonies, and Spain has declared that it will be made more ample still if such a course is judged to be necessary by the members of this Congress.

Help for the Reconcentrados.

"Rigid customs and other rules were abolished in order to help the reconcentrados, the victims of the fight, sustained by the United States. We admitted free of duties the 'help' sent from America, sent for the purpose of increasing the existing discord. In short, nothing has been left undone which might satisfy the aspirations of the people, [illegible] with the national honor.

"On the petition of His Holiness the Pope and the European powers, hostilities were suspended in order to treat for peace, when, ignoring all this, the President of the United States declared that the autonomous form of Government had turned out to be a failure, when Parliament had even assembled, and the patriots of the United States were excited by the declaration that Spaniards caused the Maine catastrophe, forgetting the generous hospitality her sailors received here; and now the United States is taking up arms to impose its domination.

"'Before such an outrage Spaniards and Cubans must unite to defend the Fatherland, and the reconciliation will be all the more sacred in view of the actual circumstances in the case. The defenders of Spain and of the autonomy of Cuba all have Spanish blood in their veins, or were born on this soil."

Enforcement of New Laws.

Continuing, the Captain-General said: "All the new laws must be put in force on July 1. Preference should be given to the measures providing for public security, and the maintenance of the national honor of Spain, the only country which can protect the development of this colony and bring about the formation of a great country, united to the old Castilian nation, and at the same time be the mediator in the new world between both continents."

When he had finished reading his speech, Captain-General Blanco shouted: "Viva Espana!" which was responded to with enthusiasm. The Captain-General then declared the Cuban Congress open, and administered the oath to the deputies. He asked all of them if they swore to always defend Spain and was answered with a spontaneous "Yes."

Later, at the Palace, the Captain-General, from a balcony, witnessed a march past of the troops.

The Captain-General was cheered all the way to and from the Hall of Congress.

CANADA'S YUKON FORCE IS DINED

By Hon. Dr. Borden, the Genial Minister of Militia.

GEN. GASCOIGNE WAS PRESENT.

The Officers of the Far North Military Contingent Sent Off From the Capital With a Night of Good Cheer—Those Present at the Banquet—Commons Proceedings.

Ottawa, May 6.—If the Yukon military contingent does not start upon their travels in good cheer it is no fault of the Minister of Militia. Last evening Dr. Borden entertained the officers of the contingent [illegible] restaurant [illegible] guests the Major-General commanding the militia, the officers at headquarters and the military men of Parliament irrespective of politics. The guests were: Col. the Hon. M. Aylmer, Surgeon McLennan, Lieut.-Col. McMillan, Captain Leduc, Col. Macdonald, Major Young, Sir Louis Davies, Major Cartwright, Col. Boulton, Major Pease, Col. Bethune, Captain Maclean, A.S.C., Col. McLennan, Dr. Neilson, Col. Kaulbach, Col. Maunsell, Hon. Sidney Fisher, Hon. Clifford Sifton, Col. Evans (in command of the Yukon force), Lieut.-Col. Tisdale, Captain Burstall, Col. Sam Hughes, Captain Talbot, Major Bliss, Major Beattie. In the course of his speech the Minister gave the officers every encouragement to understand that the faithful performance of their duty would not be unrecognized.

The Yukon military contingent leave for the coast to-day. Major Bliss, recently Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, has been appointed supply and transport officer.

A VILE ATTACK

Made Upon a Defenceless Man by the Leader of the Opposition—Proceedings in the Commons.

Sir Louis Davies introduced two bills. One authorizes the Government to lease to municipalities public wharves on which small tolls are collected. The other prohibits the dumping of ballast, ashes or other refuse in navigable waters of 12 fathoms or less in depth.

Mr. McDougall (Conservative, B.C.) asked his question regarding Mr. Charles Russell's letter to Cardinal Rampolla, in which he said he had returned to Rome "at the urgent request of Catholic members of the Government and Parliament of Canada," in connection with the school question.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied: "The Government never had any knowledge of this letter and does not know of its existence or of its genuineness."

The Prime Minister, in reply to Sir Charles Tupper, promised to announce on Monday when the writ would be issued for Bagot.

Mr. McNeill's Imperial preferential trade resolution is fixed for debate on the 18th of May.

Attack on the Major-General.

The House went into committee on the resolution providing that in addition to $4,000, the salary for the Major-General commanding the militia, the sum of $2,000 may be allowed for expenses.

Dr. Borden said this proposition was the outcome of correspondence with the Imperial Government.

The authorities in England had pointed out that a salary of $4,000, with no allowances, to an Imperial officer in Canada was inadequate, and compared unfavorably with the pay and allowances of commanding officers in the other colonies. The officer in Victoria received £1,400 sterling, with only 5,000 troops under his command. The commander of the colonial force in New South Wales received £1,250, and in Queensland £1,200, with about one-seventh or one-eighth the number of troops under his command than in Canada. A major-general on duty in England received £1,587 per annum, a brigadier-general £1,240 and a lieutenant-colonel over £1,000 sterling.

Sir Charles Tupper asked if General Gascoigne would receive any portion of the proposed increase.

Dr. Borden replied that the Act would not come into force until July 1 next, and, as General Gascoigne had resigned his position and was simply continuing until his successor was appointed, it was not likely that he will receive any portion of the pay. In justice to General Gascoigne, he ought to state that this change was not suggested by the major-general.

Sir Charles Tupper said he would give this resolution his most strenuous opposition, if it were contemplated that General Gascoigne was to receive a single dollar of the increase, but he would give it his most hearty support if it were to apply only to his successor. If it were necessary to vote a larger amount to get rid of General Gascoigne, he would cheerfully agree to vote it. Never in his experience had [illegible] officer disgraced [illegible] commander of the Canadian forces [illegible] had the present officer. General Gascoigne's action had repeatedly brought the Government and the department into contempt.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the House must have heard with astonishment and regret the observations which had fallen from the Opposition leader. There was no occasion for the exhibition of temper just witnessed. It was quite unworthy of Sir Charles Tupper to use such language towards an able officer.

General Gascoigne wore the uniform of an officer of the British army, and this should have been sufficient to protect him from attack. The House and the country could only conclude that Sir Charles Tupper was indulging in personal spite against the General. When a man was striving to serve the public to the best of his ability there was no reason for the use of insulting language against him. General Gascoigne would leave the Canadian service at an early day, and the resolution would be passed on its merits, not on the understanding that no portion of the money was to go to him. If a successor to the General had not been appointed before July 1, and the General was still here, he would certainly receive what he was entitled to.

Col. Tisdale cordially supported the resolution, as also did Sir A. P. Caron.

Col. Hughes thought if there had been friction in the past it was not altogether due to the officers who had been sent to Canada. There had been a great difficulty owing to the irregularity of drills, and he was glad to see a change lately in this respect.

The Minister of Militia said it was exceedingly unfair on the part of Sir Charles Tupper to attack General Gascoigne when he was not in a position to reply.

Personally his (Dr. Borden's) relations with the General had been of the pleasantest character. He had found him well qualified to perform the duties of commanding officer. He had worked hard and brought about reforms in the militia greater than had been accomplished in any equal number of years. His resignation was entirely due to personal reasons of his own. The General had honestly endeavored to do his duty and had done it well. With reference to the case of Colonel Strathy, he (the Minister) could not but conclude that that officer had adopted what was certainly an unsoldierly-like course. The Halifax dispute had been settled satisfactorily. There was not the slightest doubt that General Gascoigne was right in the letter of his contention that there were men enlisted in the 66th of Halifax who, in view of their contract with the Imperial Government, had no right to enlist in that battalion.

Sir Charles Tupper said that he had every reason to know that the Minister had found in General Gascoigne a most complacent officer. He would report one thing to the late Government and then [illegible] entirely the opposite view with this [illegible] Dr. Borden [illegible] General [illegible] had no [illegible] himself, did he give his interviews to the Montreal newspapers? Col. Strathy only followed the pernicious example set him by the General. "The Minister," Sir Charles remarked, "says we should respect a red coat, but I have no respect for a cad simply because a red coat is on his back. Because a man wears a red coat is that any reason why we should bow down to him like the Chinese, and hold his person as sacred?" In conclusion he said he could only express his satisfaction that the country was so soon to be rid of an officer who had been the most signal failure of any officer ever sent to Canada.

The resolution was reported and the House then went into committee of supply on the ocean and river appropriations.

Canada to Have a Training Ship.

Sir Louis Davies, in reply to Mr. Clarke, said the fishery cruisers had been armed with Gatling guns simply because it was desirable to get rid of the obsolete armament. They would serve as a deterrent of lawlessness. Answering further questions, the Minister said it had been decided to establish a training ship for youths, who would be given a course in seamanship and train for service upon the fishery and revenue cutters of Canada. A full statement would be made later.

Sir Louis Davies outlined his scheme for the establishment of the naval militia on the seaboard. He said that this having been started, no appointment to the Government cruisers will be made except to those who have availed themselves of this naval training.

[illegible] progress was made on the appropriations for the Marine and Fisheries Department.

The House adjourned at 11.25.

RAILWAY TO THE YUKON.

The British Columbia Legislature Has Done and Will Do in This Connection.

Victoria, B.C., May 6.—The promised measure of the British Columbia Government dealing with the problem of all-Canadian railway connection with the gold fields of Northern British Columbia and the Yukon territory, as well as with the Kootenay Mining Company, has been presented to the Legislature. It provides for a loan of $5,000,000. Half of this amount was already authorized by the Legislature, so that the contemplated increase in the public debt over and above that already provided for is $2,500,000. Last year the House authorized a loan of $2,500,000, out of which the proposed railways from English Bluff to Boundary Creek via Penticton, and from Bute Inlet to Quesnelle, were to be subsidized. The present Act continues these subsidies, and adds to them $4,000 for a railway from Boundary Creek to Robson, 80 miles, and a like amount for a railway from the coast of British Columbia to Teslin Lake, 400 miles. Tabulated, the mileage provided for is as follows: Penticton to Boundary, 100 miles; Robson to Boundary, 80; English Bluff to Penticton, 230; Bute Inlet to Quesnelle, 233; coast to Teslin, 400; total, 1,040 miles. The company undertaking the construction of the Coast-Teslin road shall construct a wagon road from Glenora to Teslin Lake, within three months; also shall pay the Government 4 per cent. of the gross earnings of the railway.

BREAD RIOTS IN ITALY.

At Molfet Seven Persons Were Killed and 60 Wounded.

Rome, May 6.—Bread riots have broken out at Molfet and seven persons have been killed and 60 wounded. Owing to the Government stopping the news, it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of the killed in the riots in the different provinces, but it is believed the number already reaches 30. General Pelloux, the Minister of War, has permission to proclaim a state of siege if necessary. Forty thousand men were called under arms yesterday to reinforce the [illegible]

[illegible] Queen Regent Present When Sagasta Explained the War Situation.

Madrid, May 6.—At a Cabinet Council yesterday, over which the Queen Regent presided, the Premier, Senor Sagasta, explained the war situation, and announced the safe arrival at Porto Rico of the Spanish Trans-Atlantic Company's

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SPANISH WAR NOTES.

The Spanish Government has purchased 20,000 tons of coal in Sardinia.

Admiral Camara takes command of the Spanish fleet at Cadiz on Friday.

A Portuguese gunboat has arrived at the Azore Islands to enforce the neutrality decree.

The Emperor of Austria has asked the Pope once more to take the initiative to secure mediation between the United States and Spain.

An Evening Post despatch from Key West says: Four Spanish warships are reported to be off Barbadoes, prepared to intercept the battleship Oregon. A naval battle is expected.

The U. S. torpedo boat Winslow was cruising about eight miles east of Saguala Grand when a field battery shot was fired from the shore and struck her just above the water line. She turned and is making for Key West, which she will reach if no heavy sea is encountered.

The interest which the Germans take in the Spanish-American war is strongly evinced in the newspapers. The calamity which befel the Spaniards at Manila affects Germany in eastern waters. The Monroe doctrine is cited to prove that America should not interfere in the territories of the eastern hemisphere.

TORONTO TOPICS.

The Horse Show and Military Tournament was continued yesterday in Toronto to big crowds at all the performances. The horses shown were never surpassed here.

Senor Joan du Bose of the recent Spanish legation at Washington, last night lectured on "Cuba, from a Spanish Point of View," in Massey Hall, Toronto. He made an eloquent plea for his country.

U. S. WAR NOTES.

The Spanish fishing smack De Septembre was brought by a prize crew from the Helena. She was taken eight days ago in Yucatan Channel by the gunboat.

The prize court is sitting at Key West and District Attorney Stripling has stated that there is no doubt but that the Buea Ventura and the Catalina will be returned to their owners.

The German steamer Schleswig has arrived at Philadelphia from Hayti. Captain Arhuns of the Schleswig claims his boat was pursued and fired upon by a Spanish man-of-war off Tortugas on April 28.

The United States warships New York, Iowa and Puritan of the Key West squadron, and the Brooklyn, the Massachusetts and the Texas of the Hampton Roads squadron have been furnished with full supplies of coal, ammunition and provisions sufficient for a prolonged sea voyage. Four colliers have been loaded to their fullest capacity and are attached to these boats at their respective stations. The supposition is that the combined squadrons are preparing to engage the Spanish fleet upon the Atlantic.

Godfrey's Band Sets Sail.

Liverpool, May 6.—Dan Godfrey's band sailed from Liverpool yesterday for Canada. A host of friends had assembled to say good-bye and the leave-taking was a memorable one.

Mr. Gladstone Does Not Suffer.

Hawarden, May 6.—Mr. Gladstone continues to enjoy good sleep. He is not suffering pain, but is weak.

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THE STRUGGLE COMES HIGH.

Spain is engaged in a mighty struggle to keep her dominions together against pretty large odds, but people do not realize the terrible meaning of that struggle, for besides the blood that must be shed in defence of the nation, it is doubtful if she will ever be able to recover from the great financial expenditure necessary.

The present insurrection in Cuba began in February, 1895. Since that time Spain has spent in the campaign more than $360,000,000, and Capt. Gen. Blanco has announced that he will require $10,000,000 per month. In [illegible] the total of the ordinary receipts of the Spanish treasury amounted to $[illegible] 200,000, and in 1895-96 to about the same figure. But in the aggregate for the latter year there was included upwards of $5,000,000, which was paid for exemption from military service and will of course drop out when war is on. For the same year the deficit in the ordinary budget was $7,350,000, but it was in reality much larger, because included in the revenue was upwards of $10,000,000 previous borrowings. So that, excluding this last item and also the receipts for exemption from military service, the real deficit was over $25,000,000. This was independent of the cost of the Cuban campaign.

The home debt of Spain, exclusive of the Cuban debt, amounted at the end of last year to $1,600,000,000, which entailed an annual charge of about $100,000,000, or rather more than seventy per cent. of the entire ordinary revenue, exclusive of credit operations. The expenditure on the army and navy, exclusive of the cost of the Cuban operations, figured in the budget for 1896-97 for $34,800,000. Consequently the debt charge and the normal military and naval services absorb together over $135,500,000, which leaves less than $10,000,000 for the general administration of the country.

London News: "Here is a problem suggested by Mr. Charlton's Sunday Observance Bill that preplexes us. Perhaps some of our readers can figure it out. A man, we will say, stays in in Windsor till 1 o'clock Sunday morning. He then crosses to Detroit and remains till the following midnight. He then puts in twenty-five hours of Sunday. Now, as Sunday consists of twenty-four hours, which should he consider the least sacred—the first one [illegible] in Windsor or the [illegible]

The other day The Ontario published an interesting sketch of Mr. Albert Carman, the able inspector of the Perth Mutal Fire Insurance Company. It is due to the company itself to add that much of Mr. Carman's great success in his position is due to the excellence of the company he represents. The Perth Mutal is noted for its fair dealing and the promptness with which it settles its claims. With a straightforward plan of doing business and capable officers to carry it out, there is no cause for wonder that the company takes such a prominent position among the fire insurance companies of Canada.

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MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

The Late Mr. Sternaman Was Poisoned by Arsenic.

FORMER EVIDENCE REPEATED.

Continuation of the Sternaman Murder Trial at Cayuga Before Chancellor Boyd—Deceased Had "Spells"—Buffalo Depositions Finally Read Despite Mr. Johnston's Protest Against Admission.

Cayuga, Ont., May 6.—Yesterday the court room was again crowded on the second day of the Sternaman murder trial. Chancellor Boyd presided.

The first witness called was Dr. Harrison, who, with the assistance of Dr. Park, made the two post-mortem examinations. Dr. Harrison gave the same evidence which he had given at the last trial, and corroborated the testimony of Dr. Park. The carefully formed opinion of the witness was that death was caused by arsenical poisoning, and, as arsenic was found in the stomach by Prof. Ellis, it must have been administered shortly before death.

In cross-examination by Mr. Johnston, Dr. Harrison said that as a result of the first post-mortem, and from the history of the case, he had come to the conclusion that the arsenic had been administered outside of the [illegible] follow [illegible] made by Prof. Ellis. Dr. [illegible] said he had not preserved the [contents] of the stomach which he had [sent] away to make his analysis.

The Buffalo Depositions.

The Buffalo depositions were next produced by Mr. Osler, and Mr. Johnston gave notice of his objection to their admission. The evidence of Dr. Frost of Buffalo, who attended Sternaman at Buffalo, was in progress when court adjourned for lunch.

In cross-examination by Mr. Johnston the witness said that during the four weeks of his attendance on George Sternaman his wife seemed devoted to him, and she was evidently astonished when the witness spoke of the possibility of arsenic. In saying to her that it looked like a case of arsenical poisoning, he also told her that the symptoms might come from some disease.

Sternaman Had "Spells."

He understood that Sternaman was subject to some peculiar illness or spells. In regard to these spells, he had been consulted about them before the marriage by the prisoner, and by her mother, Mrs. Sevenpiper. These spells were not preceded by any spasmodic convulsions, but he understood that this sufferer became unconscious during them. He regarded Sternaman as of an emotional and nervous temperament. He had never seen any of his writings that he was surprised at. They were all such as he would expect from a man of that temperament.

Chancellor Boyd—Have you ever seen any of his letters or writings?

Dr. Frost—Yes, sir. I have seen this letter spoken of, "To whom it may concern," since his death.

Chancellor Boyd—Is that the only one?

Dr. Frost—Yes, sir.

In regard to Sternaman's objection to going to the hospital, Dr. Frost said he regarded it as natural in such a man.

After the witness had reasoned and argued with him for three-quarters of an hour, Sternaman consented to go, and his wife said he could go, but she would not go. He expected opposition to the hospital suggestion, and more particularly in such cases as this, where the wife had a considerable walk to reach the hospital, and had small children to look after.

The witness considered that chronic arsenical poisoning might be produced by one large dose.

It was from the prisoner herself that the witness had heard the rumors of the suspicious death of her first husband, Chipman.

Dr. William C. Phelps of Buffalo, who was called in by Dr. Frost in consultation on the Sternaman case, was next placed in the box. He corroborated the testimony of Dr. Frost with regard to diagnosing the case as one of arsenical poisoning.

When cross-examined by Mr. Johnston, he said that he would not like to say that arsenic had been administered in any case until a chemical analysis had made it evident that arsenic has been discovered in the body.

Dr. Saltsman of Buffalo, who had been summoned to attend Sternaman after Dr. Frost's services had been dispensed with, testified that he had treated the patient for multiple neuritis and atrophy of the liver. He had advised that he should be sent to the hospital, and opposed taking him to Canada in his weak condition, fearing that it might cost him his life.

Mrs. Annie Franklin, a sister of the deceased man, who was present the night he died, testified that the prisoner had given him medicine after 12 o'clock.

In answer to Mr. Johnston she said she was not certain whether this medicine had been administered between 9 o'clock and 12 o'clock, as she had stated at the magistrate's trial, or after 12 o clock. She was inclined to think her evidence at the magistrate's trial was right.

Drs. Rich and Parmenter, who had examined Ezra E. Chipman, the prisoner's first husband, during his last illness, deposed that death had resulted from multiple neuritis.

Dr. Sayles, who is also a druggist of Buffalo, testified to the ease with which poison could be procured in that city.

Dr. Langley, who had examined [illegible] testified that at the time he was perfectly healthy. His examination, however, did not cover the "spells" which he was supposed to suffer from.

An Insurance Man.

Henry C. Carshan, manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in Buffalo, deposed that that company had not paid to Mrs. Sternaman the value of the policy held in that company.

William C. Foster, secretary of the Carpenter's Union, stated that Sternaman was insured in that benefit society for $200, which would be paid to his heirs at his death, and during sickness he received $3 per week.

The evening session of the court was occupied with the reading of the depositions of Mrs. Sternaman, taken in Buffalo.

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The Market Makes Wilder Advances Than Ever—The European Shortage's Influence—Latest Quotations.

Thursday Evening, May 5.

To-day was another record-breaker for wheat. Many thought that with Wednesday's sensational advances coming on top of the steady upward movement which has characterized the world's markets for some weeks the cereal had reached the high mark and that a reaction would follow to-day. Nothing of the kind happened, however, but on the contrary prices burst all bonds and went up at a terrific rate. At Chicago May wheat opened up with a gain of 7c over night and closed at $1.50, while July rose to $1.03¾ and closed at $1.02¼. These figures represent an advance in May of 20c for the day, 29c for two days and 47c for the past six weeks and an advance in July of 3⅝c for the day, 7⅝c for two days and 17⅝c for the longer period. The chief bullish factors were further proofs of a real shortage of the cereal in Europe. The abolition of the Italian import duties on wheat was confirmed, Spain was reported to be about to follow suit, a movement in the Austrian Reichsrath towards a similar end was mooted, while a section of the German Reichstag was spoken of as leaning towards similar action. On the receipt of these advices on the Chicago board there was a rush to cover by shorts, who are said to represent a heavy interest. These shorts are the men who have been shy of the recent advances, believing them to be due to the war scare and therefore only temporary, and to be reversed as soon as Spain's defeat was in sight. The total lack of any effect of Dewey's victory at Manila on the market seemed to kill this sentiment, and on the buoyant cable advices the rush to cover took place. At St. Louis May wheat in sympathy rose 7½c per bushel, at Toledo 18c, at Detroit 9c, at Duluth 10c.

At Liverpool spot wheat advanced 3d, May 5½d, July 4⅞d, and the remoter options 1¾d to 2⅝d. At Paris the cereal closes at an advance of 70 to 95 centimes, equal to a gain of 3⅝c to 5c per bushel. At Antwerp the gain for the day was 75 centimes.

Following are the closing prices to-day at important centres:

	Cash.	May.
Chicago	$....	$1 50
New York	....	1 45
Milwaukee, No. 1 Northern	1 19	....
St. Louis	1 21	1 26
Toledo	1 40	1 40
Detroit	1 29	1 29
Duluth, No. 1 Northern	1 37	1 37
Duluth, No. 1 hard	1 37	....
Toronto, No. 1 hard	1 27	....
Toronto, red	1 06	....

Toronto Grain and Produce.

Flour—Firm and in demand. Straight rollers in barrels, middle freights, are quoted at $4.85 to $5.

Wheat—Firmer, with some purchases for export and a good demand from millers. Prices are: No. 2 red, north and west, $1.05 to $1.06; spring, $1.06 to $1.07, Midland; goose, at 99c to $1 Midland. No. 1 Manitoba hard is firm and scarce at $1.25, Fort William and $1.30 Owen Sound.

Barley—Quoted at 34c to 35c west; malting barley, 36c to 37c north and west.

Oats—Choice heavy white quoted at 34½c west to 35c Midland.

Peas are quoted at 60c outside.

Bran—Sells at $10 to $10.50 west, and shorts at $13 middle freights.

Corn—Canadian, 35c west and 42c on track here.

Rye—59c to 60c west.

Buckwheat—Quoted at 45c to 46c west.

Oatmeal—Car lots of rolled oats in bags on track at Toronto $3.[illegible]5; [in] bbls., $4.05.

Hides and Wool.

Hides, cured	$[illegible]	$0 08½
" No. 1 green	[illegible]	....
" No. 2 green	[illegible] 0[illegible]½	....
" No. 3 green	[illegible] 05½	....
Tallow, rendered	[illegible] 03	0 03¼
" rough	[illegible] 01¼	0 02½
Sheepskins	1 10	1 25
Lambskins	0 20	....
Calfskins, No. 1	0 09	....
" No. 2	0 07	....
Wool, fleece	0 18	0 19
" unwashed fleece	0 10	0 11
" pulled, super	[illegible]½	0 21

Toronto St. Lawrence Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were fair, 23,000 bushels all told.

Wheat—Steady, 1000 bushels selling as follows: White at 99c to $1.0[illegible]; red, $1.03 to $1.07, and goose, [illegible]½c per bushel.

Barley—Steady; 400 bushels [illegible] at 41c.

Oats—Prices unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 37c to 38c.

Peas—Firmer at 64½c to 65½c for 400 bushels.

Potatoes—Scarce and prices firmer at 85c to 95c per bag, the former price being by the load.

Hay—Steady, 30 loads selling at $8 to $9.50 per ton.

Straw—Easy, 7 loads selling at $5.50 to $6.50 per ton.

Toronto Live Stock.

For a Thursday's market there was a large run of live stock at the Cattle Market to-day, 45 carloads all told, composed of 800 cattle, 105 sheep, 60 calves and 2200 hogs.

Quite a number of sales were made, but trade was quiet. Prices steady at Tuesday's quotations.

Many of the dealers were waiting for Friday's market.

No change in prices for milk cows, feeders, stockers and calves; demand good in each class.

Sheep and lambs—Deliveries light; prices unchanged. A few good yearlings, weighing from 90 to 110 lbs. each, wanted.

Hogs—Deliveries fair, market firm, prices unchanged.

Montreal Live Stock.

Montreal, May 5.—There were about 450 head of butcher's cattle, 1200 calves, 75 sheep and 200 spring lambs offered for sale at the East End Abattoir to-day. The butchers were out strong and trade was good, with prices of prime beeves at about the same rate as on Monday, but pretty good cattle were a shade lower. Mr. Martel bought four choice animals at 4⅞c per lb., and several others at about 4½c per lb.; pretty good cattle sold at from 3¼c to 4c and the common rough stock at from 2½c to 3¼c per lb. Several large, fat cows were sold at from 3¾c to 4c per lb.; common calves sold in lots at from $2.50 to $3.25 each; a few superior veals brought from $4 to $5 each. "Bobs" sold at from 50c to $1 each. Sheep sold at from 3½c to 4½c per lb.; spring lambs sold at from $2 to $4 each, a very few bringing over $3.50 each. Fat hogs sold at from 4⅞c to a little over 5c per lb.

East Buffalo Live Stock.

East Buffalo, May 5.—Cattle—Receipts all consigned through. Hogs—Receipts were light; market fairly steady to strong for good weights and there was but little change in values; good to choice Yorkers, $4.20 to $4.22; fair to good light Yorkers, $4.15 to $4.20; mixed packers' grades, $4.20 to $4.25; medium weights, $4.22 to $4.25; heavy hogs, $4.25 to $4.30; roughs, $3.75 to $3.90; pigs, $3.80 to $4. Sheep and lambs—Receipts light; fairly good demand for the best handy grades of lambs, and prices for these kind were stronger, with good, handy sheep about steady; native clipped sheep, choice to extra, $5 to $5.10; fair to good, $4.65 to $4.90; yearlings, fair mixed to choice wethers, $4 to $4.25; native clipped sheep, choice to [illegible] wethers [illegible] $4.10; common to fair, $3.75 to $3.[illegible]; culls to common sheep, $3.25 to $3.75.

Cheese Markets.

Chesterville, Ont., May 5.—At a meeting of the Cheese Board, held here this evening, 244 cheese were boarded, 53 of which were white, and the balance colored; 53 of white were sold at 8 1-16c, and 31 colored at 8 3-16c. The prospects for the board for this season are very bright.

British Markets.

Liverpool—Closing—Spot wheat firm; No. 1 Cal., 10s 5d; No. 1 Northern, 10s 3d; futures firm at 10s 4½d for May, 9s 9d for July, 7s 9¾d for Sept., 7s 0½d for Dec. Maize futures quiet; 4s 2¼d for May and 3s 10¼d for Sept. and Dec. Flour 33s 3d.

London—Close—Wheat, waiting orders 2; off coast very strong at 2s 6d higher; No. 1 Cal., March 47s 6d; No. 1 Northern on passage, steam, May 47s. Maize, off coast nearly due, on passage quiet and steady; mixed American, sail grade, steam, May and June, 18s.

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Rye	45	to	55
Peas	60	to	65
Oats	34	to	35
Buckwheat	33	to	40
Clover	2 75½	to	3 50
Alsike	3 00	to	4 00
Flour, per bbl	4 50	to	5 00
Bran, per cwt	75	to	80
Flax, ground	3 50	to	4 00
Flax, whole	3 00	to	
Ground oilcake	1 75	to	2 00
Hay, new	7 00	to	7 50
Straw, per load	2 00	to	3 50
Hogs, live	4 00	to	4 50
Long clear bacon, (sides)	7	to	
Smoked ham, per lb	11	to	13
Lard, per lb	10	to	
Pike, per lb	6	to	7
Whitefish	10	to	
Salmon	—	to	10
Live beef, per lb	2	to	4
Veal, per quarter	4	to	5
Mutton, per quarter	5	to	8
Beef, quarters, per lb	3	to	5
Stewing beef, per lb	3	to	5
Roast beef, per lb	5	to	0
Hides, trimmed	7 00	to	
Pelts	1 00	to	1 25
Dried apples	—	to	8
Onions, per doz, bunch	30	to	40
Radishes		to	10
Horse hides	1 5	to	2 25
Tallow, fine	2½	to	3
Tallow, rough	1½	to	2
Hides, rough and bull	5 00	to	6 00
Deakins	40	to	50
Kips	40	to	60
Wool, per lb	18	to	19
Dairy butter	14	to	17
Butter (creamery)	15	to	17
Eggs	8½		10
Cauliflower, per head		to	10
Pork, dressed	5 00	to	75
Shoats, per pair	4 00	to	5 00
Potatoes, per bag	50	to	50
Chickens, per pair	40	to	75
Ducks	65	to	80
Geese	75	to	80
Turkeys	75	to	
Beets, per doz. bunch		to	
Apples, per bag	[illegible]		

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The albumen manufactory near Chinkiang, China, has become prosperous since the finding of a use for yolks of the eggs. They are mixed with a preservative solution of salt and borax, and the mixture is then stirred until it becomes like molasses. It is then exported and used in preparing leather. Eggs are easily procured in the vicinity of the factory. It is not rare to meet flocks of 4,000 or 5,000 ducks, driven out to feed on the hills and around the ponds and water courses of the district. Eggs can be bought for $8 (Mexican) per 1,000, and ducks' eggs are used in preference to those of hens, being cheaper. The capacity of production of the factory is now 40,000 eggs daily. When brought to the factory, the eggs are carefully examined in the light, and all that show signs of decomposition are rejected. The fresh eggs are broken by hand and the whites separated. These are stirred, dried and placed in large vats to ferment, the process of fermentation being aided by certain chemical products. When the impurities have come to the surface or been deposited, pure albumen remains, clear and transparent as water. When dried, it has the appearance of isinglass, with a slightly yellowish tinge. It is exported in wooden boxes, lined with zinc and containing about 100 pounds each. The albumen is used in the preparation of dyes for fine qualities of cotton. Great Britain, Germany and France are the principal countries of destination.

The Story of the Steerage.

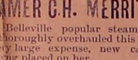
"There is a vast difference," said an [officer of a] C[unard] steamship, "between [the appearan]ce of steerage passengers returning to Europe and those coming to America.

"On the westward voyage the faces of the immigrants are bright with expectancy and hope. Some of them have doubtless lain awake at night dreaming of the new land. You can see that they have been inspired by the roseate visions painted for them by their friends or relatives who have succeeded on this side of the water. Those who go back to stay are not many. You can pick them out by their dejected looks. They have not succeeded. They have found that hard work is just as necessary to get along in the States as it is in Europe.

"The great majority of the immigrants stay. From my observations for the last 15 years aboard ship I think I am competent to say that America gets the very best of the European blood. Dawdlers stay at home. It is usually only the energetic and adventurous that cut loose from ties in the old world. Forty-six per cent of the steerage passengers have their passage to America paid by their relatives or friends who have in a measure succeeded over here. I think those who have made a 'go' of it deserve success, because, as a rule, they have won it by well directed toil or superior administrative ability."—New York Sun.

Officials as Kidnappers.

The authorities in the government of Samara, Russia, have recently been actively engaged in the criminal pursuit of kidnapping children. In the Busulykski district all parents known to belong to heterodox sects have had their children taken from them. The police usually make their visits in the middle of the night, take the children out of bed, and carry them off in the cold night air in spite of the entreaties of the parents. Many peasants have lost their whole family in this way. This practice of kidnaping children is increasing in all parts of Russia.



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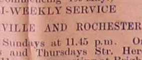

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Will leave Belleville on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 a.m., for Deseronto, Picton, Kingston and intermediate ports.

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Str. Annie Lake.

(H. HART, CAPT.)

This steamer has been put in first-class order and is open for charter for private parties and excursions. Will, 3 p.m., Saturday, 7th, run to Massassaga Park at 3 p.m. Fare 15 cents children 10 cents. For particulars enquire at Lake's office.

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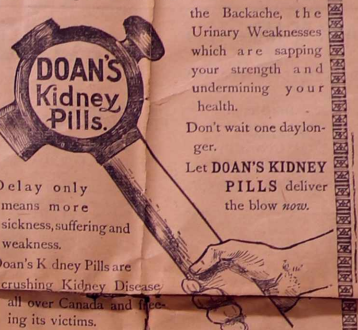

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SEYMOUR IS A HARD CASE.

Just Out of Jail and in Trouble Once More

His Weakness for Horseflesh Again Overcame Him.

Stole a Horse From the Neighborhood of Brockville.

Interesting Record of This Troublesome Young Man.

Cyrus Seymour, well known to the police here, was arrested on Wednesday evening at Kingston for stealing a horse and rig from a fa[illegible] near Iroquois. He was taken to Brockville, where he will stand his trial, and will no doubt go back to his old home in the Kingston penitentiary.

Seymour is 37 years of age and has spent 12 years of it behind prison bars. He is of the opinion that the man who does not love women, wine and song remains a fool his whole life long. His principal hobby, and it is an expensive one, seems to be committing bigamy and stealing horses. He has been married six times and has stolen many horses.

He was born in Dundas county and married in a respectable family near Cornwall. His wife and two sons are living on a farm there at present and are well to do. In 1886 he married Miss Welsh, of Omemee, and deserted her. Shortly afterwards he married Miss Maud Vanderwater, of this city, and was arrested an hour afterwards at the instance of Miss Welsh. He was given three years in Kingston. Shortly after regaining his liberty he was again married and stole a horse. He was then given a term of 2 years and 6 months. In 1889 he was arrested again for horse stealing and bigamy, a Miss Fish appearing against him. For this he was given 6 years. In 1894 he was arrested at Toronto for theft. He was liberated in March and immediately became engaged to a young woman in Prescott. They went to Ogdensburg to get married and while there he borrowed the young lady's purse to get a marriage license and he never came back.

GAVE UP THE CHILD.

Two Belleville Women Act the Role of Kidnappers.

Robert Soper, of the village of Consecon, came to the city yesterday afternoon and told the police that his little daughter, aged 11 years, had been kidnapped from her home there by his daughter, Mrs Rosevear accompanied by Mrs Mitchell, both living in this city.

Mrs. Rosevear lives with Mrs Mitchell on Mill street and the chief in company with Mr. Soper went and demanded the little girl. They promptly gave her up and the father went on his way home contented.

Smelter for Madoc.

Madoc Review: "On Tuesday last Mr. W. A. Hungerford, the general manager of the Toronto Smelting Company, returned from St. Louis where he has been completing the purchase of a ten ton smelter and necessary plant for the Madoc reduction works. This machinery is now on its way to Madoc, and Mr. Hungerford expects to have it here and ready for business in a couple of weeks at the latest.

"Mr. Hungerford engaged and brought with him to Madoc Mr. S. Norman, a graduate of the Missouri school of mines, who is a practical assayer and chemist. A general assaying office will be opened in connection with the works, where they will be prepared to treat all classes of ores. Mr. Norman will be in charge of this department.

"The arsenical furnaces are expected to be ready for business next week. This alone should prove a valuable industry for this section. Mr. Lee, a well-known practical man, has charge of the erection of these works. The company is now prepared to purchase 1000 tons of copper and sulphurate ores."

READY FOR A ROAD RACE.

An Interesting Event Coming off on the 17th of This Month.

At a meeting of the Belleville road club at the Y.M.C.A. last night it was decided to hold a twenty-mile road race on the 17th inst. There will be six valuable place prizes and two time prizes. The entries are free and those wishing to take part in the race will hand their names to Mr. V. Wensley.

The following officers of the race were appointed:

Handicappers—V. Wensley, L. C. Lockett and H. P. Thomas.

Starter—H. P. Thomas.

Judges—J. R. Heirdman, A. I. Bird, J. J. B. Flint and D. V. Sinclair.

Judges at turn—F. Foster and W. Carnew.

Time-keepers—T. W. R. McRae, W. B. Northrup and W. E. Thomson.

HIGH COU[illegible] CASE

List to be Tried With and Without Jury Next Week.

Following are a list of the cases to be tried at the sitings of the High Court of Justice on Monday, May 9th, before Hon. Chief Justice Armour:

JURY CASES.

Ellis vs. McDonald—W. C. Mikel, for plaintiff; P. J. M. Anderson for defendant.

Banker et al vs. Parfet—A. A. McDonald, for plaintiff; Stewart & Moore, for defendant.

McKenzie vs. Kent—Porter & Farnham, for plaintiff; B. N. Davis, for defendant.

Luchia vs. Ryan—A. A. Abbott, for plaintiff; T. A. O'Rourke, for defendant.

WITHOUT JURY.

Rabbits vs. Ridley—Northrup and Roberts, for plaintiff; John Hoskin, for defendant.

Boulton vs. Boulton—F. E. O'Flynn, for plaintiff; W. J. Clarke, for defendant.

Burrows vs. Irvine—C. D. Macaulay, for plaintiff; G. W. Ostrom and Geo. Drewry, for defendant.

Frost vs. Neal—C. D. Macaulay, for plaintiff; Porter & Farnham, for defendants.

Lindsay vs. Bushy—A. A. McDonald, for plaintiff; C. W. Craig, for defendant.

O'Flynn vs. Huffman—M. Wright, for plaintiff; Stratton & Hall, for defendant.

C. Lavis vs. Emily Marson—Bell & Biggar, for plaintiff; P. J. M. Anderson, for defendant.

Hayes vs. Lang—A. A. Abbott, for plaintiff; R. N. Collins, for defendant.

Clarke et al vs. Jackson—Clute, Williams & Morden, for plaintiff; Porter & Farnham, for defendant.

Case of assessment of damages, Potts vs. S[illegible]—Geo. Thrasher, solicitor.

Following are names of those who compose the Grand Jury:—W. T. Allen, Hugh M. Blair, Chas. Bacon, Madoc; James Potts, Stirling; B. B. Ostrom, Frankford; W. Hawkins, Huntingdon; Peter Baldwin, Trenton; Maxwell Dafoe, Peter Doran, Hungerford; Thos. J. Hurley, Thurlow; Gilbert Faleck, Tobias Forestell, Rawdon; Walter Alford, Belleville.

IMAGINARY SOUNDS

Sylvia Chapin Balis Gives Interesting Experiences.

The last issue of the Canadian Mute, the excellent paper published at the Deaf and Dumb Institution, this city, contained the following interesting article on "Imaginary Sounds," from the pen of Sylvia Chapin Balis:

Mr. Pach's experiences with imaginary sounds recall many personal experiences in the past twenty-five years of absolute deafness which has fallen to my lot. For years after losing my hearing I was tormented by memories of sounds. The ringing of a school bell was the last sound of which I had consciousness and the regular ding-dong ding-dong can be heard at will. Many rides upon locomotives had I enjoyed and the ringing of the bell at grade crossings had often been granted me. The sight of one of these monsters recalls to mind the sharp clang of its bell, the hiss of escaping steam, the shrill whistle and the grinding of great drive wheels upon the rails. The last music I remember hearing was that of a band, the crash, and rub-a-dub-dub of the drum made life miserable for me for years. Innumerable are the times I have rushed out upon the street and gazed in every direction for the invisible band that I heard so distinctly. I think that, could all tell their experiences, it would be found in the majority of cases those who have lost their hearing live in anything but a land of silence. The brain fairly teems with sound. The rustle of leaves as a breeze stirs them, the lapping of wavelets upon the shore, the boom and roar of the ocean, the whirr of birds' wings, the chirping of the birds, the innumerable sounds of nature are all in existence for us. We give voice to those who surround us, and sound to every movement. A crying child is more annoying to me than to many who can hear. An idle devil's tatoo can drive me nearly frantic, and the tapping of a foot on the floor has almost as bad an effect. To watch a person sharpen a slate pencil or file a saw puts my teeth on edge, but to do the same myself has no effect upon my nerves. I can visit a boiler factory or a foundry and enjoy the racket possibly because I never heard those sounds before becoming deaf. There are two things which, for some strange reason, I retain no clear recollection of, namely, the softer tones of a piano and singing of birds. But tunes of songs that I once heard or sang myself I can recall perfectly though I could not carry a tune through now if my life depended upon the effort. The tricks this memory of sound plays upon me are both aggravating and amusing. Some years ago we were roused from a sound sleep by a terrific crash. After the first moment of stunned surprise, and the roof not having fallen in upon us, as we expected, we scrambled out of bed on a tour of investigation. At the foot of the stairs hung heavy portieres, and for a moment we hesitated, then with a sudden spurt of courage through we went. There was nothing visible, doors and windows were all secure, so down cellar we went, but all was secure there and we started for the attic. On the way to the attic door one of our guests put her head out of her door and enquired the trouble. "Burglars," said we. "Thunder," said she, and so it proved, and with the laconic exclamation, "Sold again!" we went back to our room.

Not so very long after the above occurrence, we were alone in the house and soon after retiring there came the most fearful bang. Uncertain whether or not it was imagination or thunder this time, we sprang to the floor and looked under the bed, into the closets and investigated every nook and corner in the house without any satisfactory solution of the sound. We had hardly settled down to sleep before there was a repetition of the "bang." Out we scrambled again, and repeated our previous investigations, even going outside the house this time, but with no more satisfaction than before. It did not seem possible we could have imagined the sound simultaneously, and the bedstead came in for a close examination and the mystery was solved at last. During the day there had been sweeping and the bedstead had been pushed across a corner so that the castors rested upon the base moulding in such a manner that jarring had caused them to slip down one at a time.

I remember of dreaming of sound only twice in the quarter of a century. The first time I heard music and voices. The last time I heard shouting, clanging of gongs and roar of traffic on a city street.

Should hearing suddenly return to us, the chances are that we would be fit subjects for a lunatic asylum inside of twenty-four hours. The sounds of memory are endurable but the real things would be intolerable after the long quietness we have lived in, unless we could be gradually accustomed to the new order of things. A person whose sight is restored must learn to see, and so we would need to learn to hear.

North Hastings Licenses.

The license commissioners for North Hastings met at Bell View on April 22 and granted the following licenses for the year commencing May 1st:

Stirling—M. Kerby, D. Green and D. A. Moon, taverns; Chas. Oakes, shop.

Madoc village—Mrs. Moon and J. L. McGuire, taverns; J. G. Kerr, shop.

Marmora township—G. R. German, Wm. Golding, Mrs. Pringle, M. O. Connor, taverns; Bleecker Bros., shop.

Huntington—C. W. Brewer, tavern.

Elzevir—Eugene Johnson, James Bradshaw, taverns.

Limerick—S. S. Stanlick, tavern.

Wollaston—C. H. Steinberg, tavern.

Dungannon—John Walker and John Green, wine and beer.

Faraday—H. Green tavern; James McCaw extended three months.

Monteagle—James Best, W. J. Fitzgerald, taverns.

Bangor—G. E. Weaver, tavern.

Tudor—Stephen L. Godding, Wm. P. Potter, Dennis Hogan, taverns.

Rawdon—Mrs. S. Bird, Thos. Reid and Thomas Brunker extended one month.

Madoc township—Mrs. Vanleek and Jas. Harris extended three months.

Guests at the Hotels.

At the Anglo—S. Westover, Foxboro; R. C. Tegart, Brantford; T. C. Burnside, Madoc; P. B. Walace, Thos. McMahon, Ceo. F. Waite, J. A. Gendron, J. Copeland, E. J. Keney, Toronto; R. McDougall, Galt; M. E. Clark, W. H. Norris, Hamilton; A. B. Arnott, H. H. Bonter, Trenton; C. W. Thomson, Newburgh; James Whitton, Stirling; E. B. Cale, Stratford; John Teverton, Tyendinaga; P. D. German, Tacoma, Wash; M. S. Burnley, Napanee; W. W. Whitelark, W. Thompson, Montreal; J. M. McPherson, Stony Creek; A. W. Seeley, Saginaw; H. S. McCaughey, Cobourg; J. F. Brightman, Rochester; P. Rieder, W. E. Woelfle, Berlin; A. H. Deike, Guelph.

At the Quinte.—J. A. Chisholm, Cornwall; H. Robinson, E. Zairty, J. A. Cameron, E. J. Brewer, J. Bronsden, Toronto; H. G. Buck and wife, Norwood; H. Henderson, London; H. A. Moore, Trenton; S. Davis, Philadelphia; J. Findlay, A. McNeil, A. M. Hodges, J. A. Brown, Montreal

Slasher's Poetry to the Point.

"Slasher" Cummings, the well-known man-about-town, dropped into The Ontario office this afternoon to repeat a little piece of poetry. As "Slasher" has been there and knows what he is talking about, the moral of his lines may have some good effect:

If you want to get up in the Castle so neat,
Drink tangle-foot whiskey, get drunk on the street—
Then Magistrate Flint will check off your trunk,
And you will find yourself up on the hill for a month.

It Was a False Alarm.

Those who heard the fierce clanging of the fire-bells last night and the everlasting screech of the gas house whistle, imagined that the city was being rapidly reduced to ashes. It was a false alarm, however. A fire was reported at the Public Library and the brigade promptly turned out, but found that there was absolutely nothing requiring their services.

The alarm was sent in by Alderman Starling, chairman of the Fire, Water and Light committee, for the purpose of testing the brigade's promptness to respond.

Look Out for S[illegible]

A few evenings ago burglars entered the branch postoffice on St. Catharines street, Montreal, and stole $1,612.25 worth of postage stamps. The stamps numbered all the the way from a half a cent to 50 cents. There is no clue to the burglars. The citizens should be on the lookout for all persons selling stamps outside the regular dealers.

Cricket Club Meets.

A meeting of the Cricket club was held last night by those interested in this popular game. It was decided to see if a match could not be arranged for the 24th of May between the Campbellford and Belleville clubs. The club will also endeavor to get back the old grounds on Bridge street. A meeting will be held on Monday night for organization.

House Cleaning

Time is here, but much of the unpleasantness that generally accompanies it may be avoided by having good material to work with that produces satisfactory results. We are headquarters for these requirements, such as whiting, kalsomine, albastine, brushes, paints, varnishes, enamels, etc. Floor paints a specialty.

ALEX. RAY.

What about a new pair of Slater's black, chocolate or tan boots for tomorrow. You know yours are beginning to look a little the worse for wear. You bought them at Haines & Lockett's a year ago. It's time for a change.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

EXTRA.

THERE WAS GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

Despatches Confirm the Capture of the Philippines.

Admiral Sampson Will Attach the Canary Islands.

Capture of a French Vessel by the Americans.

This, it is Thought, May Cause Serious Trouble.

London, May 6.—(Special to The Ontario.)—A special from Shanghai says Commander Dewey, after crushing the Spanish fleet and disposing of the Cavite, bombarded Manila, which was soon [illegible] great loss of life is reported.

What Will France Do?

Key West, May 6.—(Special to The Ontario.)—A big French liner, the Lafayette, from Spain, was captured off Havana last night after an exciting chase. There is a serious international aspect to the capture of the Lafayette, as she mounts guns and is a French naval reserve vessel.

Will Attack Canary Islands.

London, May 6.—(Special to The Ontario.)—A story is published here that the British Admiralty has been advised by the Washington Naval Strategy Board to remove British subjects from the Canary Islands. It is thought from this that Admiral Sampson will attack the Canary islands.

THE SITUATION.

Since the interesting developments in Philippine waters matters in regard to the war have moved slowly. Reports coming from a roundabout source, from Shanghai and Singapore, confirm news received earlier in the week that Manila was in the hands of Commodore Dewey, who is now governing the island. This confirmation is practically the important news today, but the chase and capture of a French vessel by an American boat may bring about some interesting developments. The report that the British naval department has been asked to remove British residents from the Canary Islands is significant.

SMALL CITY ITEMS.

News in Brief That is of Interest to all Readers.

Mr. A. A. McDonald, of Madoc, was in town to day.

There were three tramps in the cells last night.

The sloop Laura D. is unloading grain at Kingston which she picked up at Bay ports.

Mr. W. H. O'Flynn, of Madoc, will shortly erect a new brick block in the village.

Mr. P. P. Clark, of St. Ola, ex-warden, of the county of Hastings, was in town yesterday.

Kingston Whig: Mr. C. P. McDonald, Belleville, is in the city on his way to the Pacific coast.

The gymnasium exhibition which will be given by the juniors of the Y.M.C.A. to-night promises to be most interesting.

An abstract of statements of insurance companies in Canada for year ended 31st December, 1897, has been received at this office.

At Osgoode Hall yesterday the case of Boulton vs. Boulton was postponed until the next Belleville sittings, with liberty to parties to apply.

Probate of the will of the late James Kennedy, of Tyendinaga, has been granted to Michael Kennedy. Estate $1,000. Geo. E. Deroche, Deseronto, solicitor.

At a meeting of the Berean club last night the occasion was taken by the [illegible] Mr. James [illegible] members to say good[illegible] Reeves, who has been one of the most active workers of the club. Those present spoke in very complimentary terms of Mr. Reeves and that gentleman afterwards took the opportunity to thank them for their kind words and good wishes.

Considerable interest is taken among the employees of the Grand Trunk in the recent order compelling a certain standard to be reached by all the watches owned by the men. Those whose watches do not come up to the standard required will have to buy new ones. A local inspector of watches has not yet been appointed but it is thought by some that Mr. Allen McFee will received the appointment.

Higher Temperature.

May 6, 10 a.m.—North and west winds; a little higher temperature.

Obituary.

Miss Augusta Huffman passed peacefully away on Tuesday, April 5th, at her residence in the sixth concession of Tyendinaga. Her death was a sudden shock to the community, she being ill only twelve days. She was a daughter of the late John Huffman and was born on the homestead on which she died 56 years ago. Deceased was an earnest and active member of the Methodist Church for nearly forty years, being converted in the meetings held by the late Rev. Nathan Howard. She leaves her mother and two sisters, Mrs. Wm. McCreary and Mrs. Jno. Carter to mourn her loss.

The funeral took place on the following Thursday and was largely attended. Rev. Mr. Anderson, of Plainfield, preached a very appropriate sermon at the house after which the remains were taken to the family plot in the fifth concession of Thurlow.

The friends have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their bereavement. "When Christ who is our life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory."

The Mother and Her Child.

Toronto Star.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, poet, had a vision years ago,
And he painted it with words, words that made each line to glow,
How they beat the British nation and how their own did grow,
From the soft and sunny South to the Northern lands of snow.

In a cataract of words he has thundered out our knell,
And never faltering he, till beneath the crimsoned swell
The Mistress of the Seas went down without a chance to tell
How "wavering from its haughty peak the Cross of England fell!"

They put it in their school books for the tender youth to read,
To fill his heart with courage for this coming mighty deed.
When the offspring of a nation would make its mother bleed,
And the jealous little scion itself would take the lead.

No matter what they'd say or do she never once was riled,
And in their hour of need she stretched to them her hand and smiled;
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Paragraphs Relating to the City and District

We have been at it all winter making our homemade well known kinds of taffies, caramels, butter scotch, etc. Try them. Goldsmith, opposite Stewart's coal office.

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Last week we advertised that we carried this year a better stock of ladies' colored shoes than ever before. We had a big sale for these goods as a result. We have also this year a better stock of Ladies' Lace Boots than we ever had. Light and very neat. This style of shoe is becoming very popular. We will be pleased to show our stock.—Haines & Lockett.

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Standing on the bow of the vessel the night before we reached Shanghai, one could read the time on the face of his watch, the water was so phosphorescent. It looked like a sea of fire; every little wave and the spray thrown up by the vessel looked like liquid metal at white heat. It was a weird and strange sight.

Extending many miles out into the ocean along the Yang-Tse river are low, level tracts of marsh land covered with reeds, built up by the mud deposited by the river. It also forms many bars of mud in the channel, so that the large steamers anchor in the mouth and send the passengers and freight up to Shanghai in a small boat. Large steamers, by waiting for high tide, come over the bar and up to Hankow, which is 650 miles from the mouth. All the way up to Shanghai the banks of the river are low and covered with coarse grass or weeds. There were many water buffalo and native cattle grazing on the banks.

Just before reaching Shanghai itself many large cotton mills, equipped with the latest machinery, are seen; also a large roller flour mill built by an English firm, but part of the machinery is from the United States. Most of these have been built in the last two years. The wheat here is so dirty that after it is screened it has to be washed and dried before it is ground. This is because the wheat is thrashed on earthen floors with stone rollers drawn by cattle, or else with flails. The mills and the wide streets along the front of the river further [illegible] with the foreign houses on the opposite side of it, give a very foreign appearance, and were it not for the rickshaws and wheelbarrows, one would hardly think he was in China. On the other hand, by a walk of ten minutes into the native city, he would hardly know that there was any foreign city or influence near. There is a large foreign population and many large foreign stores.

Many visit China and go to the large cities, as Pekin, Shanghai or Hankow, and think they have seen China, but they have a very wrong impression of it. This is not confined to mere visitors, for many people live in the foreign concessions for years, hardly going outside them except to go to some other place by steamer. Many people in Hankow have never been across the river to Wuchang. On one trip into the country to study the methods of farming, not more than thirty miles from Hankow, in one village over 100 women came out to see me, as they had never seen a foreigner before.

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Love's Command

By JOH A STEUART.

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"Then art of no avail in thy own house," said Suleiman, "go then abroad, and I will make a way for thee."

Keeping his dagger on a level with the small of a man's back, Suleiman drove ahead, the other covering close behind him for protection, and we resolutely supporting. Fingers, however, gave ahead, and the blade, blocked exceedingly great, and the fallen one troublesome under foot. But Suleiman's dagger was very busy—quietly busy, dealing blows that were so infallibly effective, and we made steady way. Baruk wept hysterically at intervals. Once the master would have him beheaded, and leaned like a rock at every wound from behind. Back, back, we went, along such a course as I hope never to travel again. At last Baruk, writhing as if the death agony were upon him, touched with the hand of his finger what seemed to be a panel in the wall. The next instant there was a crash of splintering wood and rending iron, and through the broken door came a gush of warm perfume. "Behold, my dove," said Suleiman. "The hourik." The men of his back, absolutely wildly strained for paradise, all except the guide, who groaned dismally as if he had received the death-blow.

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Darkness, heavy with incense and lighted by many-colored curtains. Bursting another door, we came to a tapestried chamber. Suleiman growled at finding it empty and was turning to have satisfaction out of Baruk when a chorus of screams came ringing out of the remote darkness beyond. Baruk was let alone. There was fun ahead that prohibited dallying.

"The inner chamber!" screeched the guide. "The inner chamber, my lord! May God and the holy prophet protect me!" he added to himself, fervently. "Surely I shall be burned alive for this and never taste the bliss of the faithful. Never even the sandals of the harem and our holy religion so profaned before!"

Suleiman, in another mood, was using unhallowed language in front, because we were rushing in a mirage of deep darkness, from which there appeared to be no outlet.

Perfumes seize thee, where art thou now, thou varlet of the bedchamber?" he called pitifully, to Baruk. "By the prophet's sword, this dagger quivereth for a fleshy sheath. Thou shalt never escape alive if there is more trouble or delay."

"Surely, my lord, I know these passages as a blind man knoweth the way to his mouth," answered Baruk, promptly. "The press is lessened. I will lead."

"Let me take hold of thy skirt then, for I have not the eyes of a cat," said Suleiman. "Thou feelest that point—yea, that shrinking assembly of fools. Now, my gazelle, get us on if thou wouldst not be in the hall of Eblis this night."

We passed on through suffocating waves of perfume, past rustling curtains of inestimable value, over Persian rugs that were like deep beds of moss under foot—spiral stairs and down stairs and around more corners than Christian architect ever dreamed of. Another door flew open, emitted a delicate odour and full of struggling men and women. Crumpled, dishevelled silks, broideries, torn fans, broken musical instruments, and various articles of female apparel strewn about the floor, the walks and their attendants not having time to offer clothing they had been taken by surprise in the midst of music, gossip, and needlework.

A few of the women were negro slaves, in coarse, scanty raiment, but the majority were delicately-clothed ladies of the harem, whose exquisite charms were an eloquent testimony to Amoud's assumption of diverse kinds of female loveliness. Fair Circassians there were, and tawny Egyptians, and thick-lipped Ethiopians, and black-eyed Arabs, with other belles of indefinite hue and varying attraction. Most of them were young, indeed some were mere girls, and all were plump and fragrant as a musk-ox.

They were in sad violent and disorder, poor things, their veils being rudely torn from their faces, their gauzy robes made into ribbons by men who respected not the sacredness of Amoud's domestic circle. Occasionally the elder ones fought with their captors, displaying no small skill in the use of their claws, but the younger ones, to whom the mere sight of strangers was pollution, shrank into alcoves and corners, panting like captured does, and were easier prizes.

To an unoccupied spectator the details of the scrimmage would have been comical enough. Sometimes two men strove for one woman, and sometimes one man tried desperately to secure two ladies. Generally speaking, however, one lady was attacked by the boldest could well manage, and, in the case of the older vixens, at times more.

Suleiman cast a swift, appraising glance about the room.

"The queen—which is the queen?" he demanded of Baruk.

"She is not here, my lord," answered the quaking Baruk.

"Not here, thou dog! And wherefore are we here? Wouldst thou shed thy blood spilled ere thou art a minute older?" By this time Baruk, I will have none of thy tarrying and waverings."

Baruk took a step forward in quivering trepidation. Nor did he tremble without cause, for some of the women saw his face at him like tigresses, shrieking that he had betrayed them.

"This is unseemly," said Suleiman, [illegible] "Ye do your lewdness in secret, there, where ye [illegible] insurance in Amoud's harem. Ye do your lewdness in the sight of men, and ye [illegible] the wretch is a traitor," they clamored. "He hath betrayed us. We will have his eyes out for the dishonour."

"Nay, nay, my charming ones," said Suleiman, with the most gallant air imaginable. "Ye do him injustice. Never was keeper of beauty so faithful to his trust. He hath conducted us hither, O lights of our souls, on the sharp compulsion of steel. Unreasonable man, to deny ye entrance to such a paradise! I protest I nearly slew him at the thought of what he would withhold from us. Far and fast have we come, and now we prostrate ourselves at your feet."

In spite of their rage, the ladies could not help smiling at the insinuating sweetness of Suleiman.

"Be comforted, ye who are as the stars in glory and brightness," he went on. "This guardian of your angelic slumbers hath not been false. But the times are strange. O peerless principesses! Men are not masters in their own houses. Even the mighty Amoud Sinn hath tasted defeat and is no longer able to rule his palace."

Such of the ladies as were disengaged clapped their hands, turned their eyes to heaven, and with one accord, screamed.

"Slay me for causing you pain, ye adorable ones," pleaded Suleiman. "I vow ye deserve death for thus disturbing your meditations. Yet must I ask one question. In the beauteous flower, the queen, within? Business brooketh no delay, else would we tarry to slip honey off your lips, O ye enchantresses."

Jealousy is an ever active fire in the harem. There, was probably not one among them who would not have rejoiced in her heart to see the queen being beauty cast from the window, but deceit knows how to be discreet. Never would they betray their sex's strangers to pollute their beautiful queen by looking upon her, as long as they had breath to defend her. Intimating this, as many as were free bolted through an inner door, slamming and fastening it behind them.

"Make haste," said Suleiman. "We must not lose them. They will guide us to the queen."

Easily forcing the door, we dashed in pursuit. Along the dark tripping ways we flew, guided by cries and vanishing skirt-tails, round innumerable angles, through countless doors, till we came upon a long, straight passage. At the farther end, through a dim vista of muslin, we got a glimpse of two women, on them we had not hitherto seen, disappearing at their utmost speed with the queen between them. Of a sudden, the foremost of them, screamed:

"This way, lord! Quick! Quick! Quick